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CITY RATES—DELIVERED BY CARRIER, Richmond (& Suburbs), Manchester & Petersburg.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1905.

Every man contains in himself the elements of all the rest of humanity.

Cuba On Trial.

The Cuban republic is passing through a severe test period.

But all this presumes, as we have said, that the election is fair and honest, and that the minority is willing to accept the result of the peaceable arbitrament.

Richmond's Competitors.

Cities like stores have at length come to recognize the powerful and essential aid which is given by advertising.

What is true of individuals is equally true of communities, and those cities which have exceptional or only ordinary advantages and facilities to offer visiting merchants have proved by experiment the enormous increase in their trade resulting directly from advertising.

It is high time that some action be taken by the Chamber of Commerce or the Progress Committee or the merchants and manufacturers in concert.

We should meet advertising by advertising and should organize for an active campaign for new buyers—and when we get them we should take care of them.

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It is then too late to talk about voting "independently" in that election.

Of course, there is no way for the party to enforce compliance, but that makes the moral obligation only so much the more binding.

The Political Troubles in Cuba.

Despite anticipations to the contrary, the elections in Havana for members of the registration boards were carried through on Saturday without serious trouble of any sort.

The outbreak on Friday at Cienfuegos, like the earlier ones at Las Cruces, Yaguajay, and in one or two other places, appears to have been purely political.

The feeling between the two parties is running very high.

As to the truth of this allegation, estimates naturally vary; but, in the opinion of the New York Sun, there are many competent and unbiased observers, who believe that the Liberals would poll a majority in any fair and open contest.

Despite the favorable impression which Tomas Estrada Palma has personally created in this country, the political sympathies of many well-informed men would now go, on the whole, against him.

Villuendas, who was killed on Friday, was a leader of the Liberal party, and the ablest orator of the lower house.

Early dispatches described his death as incidental to a conflict between a party of Liberals and a squad of police, who had advised that the former had collected and stored away a quantity of arms and ammunition.

Later news, however, tells quite a different story.

Villuendas' friends now state that their leader had for some time expected assassination, and that the shooting on Friday was the outcome of a plot to make way with him.

In the meantime Villuendas will be sadly missed, and the Moderate party still maintains the whip hand.

Philadelphia has arranged for an enlargement of her filtration system, which will supply the entire city with fully filtered water.

At any rate, the trolley car which carried the Princess Alice through the streets of Seoul was native American.

Virginia politics may be expensive, but at least they are a bit safer than the Cuban brand.

A Protest From Powhatan.

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understand and yesterday they showed their estimate of the man by turning out in large numbers to pay tribute to his memory.

A geological survey of Virginia is now being made by Dr. Thomas L. Watson, professor of geology in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Va.

The value of such a work is incalculable, and the State is fortunate in having a man of Dr. Watson's ability and character to do it.

The Richmond Electoral Board got a royal road, but as long as some of the men who were roared have as much standing in the city as the roasters, no resolutions are expected.

The Unexpected.

Whatever may be the verdict of the public concerning the two political parties that accepted contributions for campaign purposes from the insurance companies, it is not as severe as that against the insurance officials who planned the party.

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Swanson's Able Speech.

We have taken occasion to read a second time Mr. Swanson's opening speech at Hanover, on Monday.

Japan and Cotton.

In the Orient cotton is the article of most general wear, and China and Japan are the greatest markets on earth for manufactured cotton goods.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

September 25th.

1154—King Stephen, of England, died, and his adopted son, Henry Fitz-Empress, reigned in his stead.

1506—Philip I., of Spain, died. He obtained the crown by marriage with Isabella, the heiress of Ferdinand and Isabella, was a man of very moderate means, but regarded as the fairest man of his age.

1602—Gaspard Peucor, an eminent German physician and mathematician, died. He was imprisoned ten years for his religious opinions, during which he composed his thoughts on the margins of old books with an ink which he had made of burned crusts infused in wine.

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1808—Richard Pearson, an eminent English professor, died.

1829—Washington Irving accepted the post of secretary of legation to the court of St. James.

1854—The grand Egyptian "Tartar boat" was started on its mission from Turin.

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1864—Governor Brown, of Georgia, was reported to have withdrawn from the State militia from Hood's army.

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1884—Judge Gresham was sworn in as Secretary of the Treasury, to succeed to the late Secretary Folger.

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1904—Letter of acceptance of Alton B. Parker made public; announced that he would not be a candidate for Governor of New York.

1904—Eruptions of Mount Vesuvius, Italy, most violent since 1872; volcano hurled red-hot rock to height of 1,600 feet.

## Comment Through the State.

No Need for Conservatism.

Mr. Rockefeller predicts a panic for this country in 1907-8 as a result of over-production along all lines.

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## THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Monday and Tuesday; light west winds.

South Carolina—Fair Monday and Tuesday; fresh northeast to east winds.

Tennessee and Kentucky—Fair Monday and Tuesday; fresh east winds.

Conditions Yesterday.

Richmond's weather was clear and cool. Range of the thermometer:

Barometer This Day Last Year

Conditions in Important Cities.

Place. (At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Heard and Seen in Public Places

The affable assistant secretary, Mr. J. N. Brenneman, is telling the callers at Democratic headquarters at Murphy's

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## CITY MAY INDUCE MORE MERCHANTS

How Baltimore and Other Places Attract Business Men By Hundreds.

MADE PLEASANT FOR THEM

Advertising and Social Attentions Combining to Draw Desirable Visitors.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BALTIMORE, September 24.—"Why do so many hundreds of Virginia merchants come to Baltimore in preference to going to Richmond?"

Richmond is near most of these merchants, rents are low there, prices for goods are low enough, and merchants say, and there is every facility for doing business.

After the fair when things looked dark for Baltimore and her trade was seriously threatened, the Travelers and Merchants' Association was organized.

To further attract the merchants and hold them after they arrived, the association gives, every now and then a big social function, at which the Baltimore merchants entertain all their visiting customers.

The first of these was given last winter—an immense banquet at the Lyric Theatre, an elaborate affair was local, a great impression on the visitors.

Another social function was given in the largest theatre parties ever given in this country.

Virginians There.

In that party there were hundreds of Virginians, their wives and daughters.

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## PRIVATE LOANS.

\$10 to \$300 ON Furniture, Pianos &c., &c.

The securities remain undisturbed in your possession. Why not borrow where you can get

Lowest Rates, Small Payments, Quick Service.

We Guarantee All This.

Richmond Loan Co.

108 North Ninth Street, Second Floor, Front.

Frank Fox, Emporia; C. E. France, Maytown; Lynn Fox, Marshall.

May Be Brought Here.

This list shows people from every section of the State, people that ought to be buying goods from Richmond merchants at this moment, and carrying millions of dollars to build up Richmond's trade.

STOOD THE TEST.

Resistance of Armored Cruisers to Shell Fire Demonstrated.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, September 24.—An account was given to-day by the Naval Bureau of Ordnance of an interesting test, conducted yesterday at the naval proving grounds at the Naval Head, in connection with the series of experiments begun last March to determine the resistance of the Tennessee class of armored cruisers under the attack of projectiles loaded with various kinds of explosives.

In the test, the striking velocity of the projectiles being those corresponding to ranges from three thousand to five thousand yards. The target was a structure built in exact imitation of the side of a battleship, with all decks, bulkheads, etc., complete. The results were, on the whole, extremely satisfactory as regards the design of the ship.

The damage done by the bursting shells was localized within the compartment where the explosion took place, and while the damage to both personnel and material within the compartment would undoubtedly have been very great the ship as a whole would have been intact at the conclusion of the firing.

As a final test, a twelve-inch shell was exploded within a closed compartment just above the armored deck. The local effect of this was considerable, but the armored deck was not penetrated.

THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND IN HORSE SHOW PRIZES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, September 24.—Celebrating its coming age—the annual exhibition beginning November 13th will feature twenty-first the National Horse Show Association has issued a prize list containing classes in which \$7,000 will be distributed among owners of the ribbon winners at Madison Square Garden.

The National and other horse show associations in this country. The number of exhibitors is expected to be the largest ever given by the National and other horse show associations in this country.

There will be 137 classes for thoroughbreds, trotters, pacers, light harness roadsters, hackneys, heavy harness roadsters, sulkies, ponies, and c